

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND POWER TO INSPECT

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ANALYZING NUCLEIC ACIDS**, the specification of which [check one(s) applicable]

— was filed — as United States Application No. —;
and was amended by Amendment filed — (if applicable); or
X is attached to this Declaration, Power of Attorney and Power to Inspect;

that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and

that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Rule 56(a) [37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)].

CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120: I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any prior United States application(s) listed below:

<u>Prior U.S. Appln No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> <u>Day/Mon/Year</u>	<u>Status</u> <u>Pending-Patented-Abandoned</u>
09/300,060	27-04-1999	Pending
08/283,769	01-08-1994	Patented

Insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Rule 56(a) [37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)] which occurred between the filing date of the prior U.S. application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As inventor, I hereby appoint **DANN, DORFMAN, HERRELL AND SKILLMAN**, P.C. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the following individual(s) as my attorneys or agents with full power of substitution to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: **Patrick J. Egan, Reg. No. 27,643 and Kathleen D. Rigaut, Ph.D., Reg. 43,047.**

POWER TO INSPECT: I hereby give **DANN, DORFMAN, HERRELL AND SKILLMAN**, P.C. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania or its duly accredited representatives power to inspect and obtain copies of the papers on file relating to this application.

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